

Response to Reviewers (ID 03764992)

Dear Reviewers:

Thank you for the conditional acceptance of our manuscript for publication in WJOG. We address the feedback provided by the Reviewer and the Science editor below.

Reviewer#1:

***Specific Comments to Authors:** This article reviewed young-onset CRC. The abstract, Introduction, and Materials and Methods were appropriate and well written. Epidemiology, Risk factors for young-onset CRC, Clinical presentation, Screening recommendations were appropriate and well written with concrete description. **In Evaluation and treatment section, the first, second, third paragraphs were unnecessary. Because these paragraphs are not for young-onset CRC.** Regarding Other considerations, the section of Precision Medicine and that of Genetic testing are unnecessary. Referral to genetics counselor and referral to fertility specialists sections are appropriate and well written. Future directions and conclusions are appropriate and well written. The table is easy to understand.*

We thank Reviewer 1 for this feedback. We have elected to include the preface that "Regardless of age of onset, per the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons..." in the first paragraph of the Evaluation and Treatment section to reflect the point that the standard of care in the evaluation of CRC involves a full colonoscopy, baseline CEA, staging CT for patients of all ages who are diagnosed with colon cancer (pelvic MRI or ERUS in the case of rectal cancer). We feel that a discussion of Evaluation of CRC would not be complete without mentioning these important diagnostic tests, which, although are not specific to young-onset CRC, do certainly apply to this patient population.

We have removed the paragraphs on Precision Medicine and Genetic testing from our manuscript.

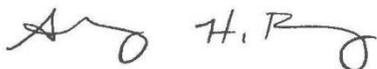
(1) Science editor: 1 Scientific quality: The manuscript describes a minireview of the young-onset colorectal cancer. The topic is within the scope of the WJGO. (1) Classification: Grade A and Grade C; (2) Summary of the Peer-Review Report: Epidemiology, Risk factors for young-onset CRC, Clinical presentation, Screening recommendations were appropriate and well written with concrete description; (3) Format: There is 1 table; (4) References: A total of 86 references are cited, including 32 references published in the last 3 years; (5) Self-cited references: There is no self-cited reference; and (6) References recommendations: The authors have the right to refuse to cite improper references recommended by the peer reviewer(s), especially references published by the peer reviewer(s) him/herself (themselves). If the authors find the peer reviewer(s) request for the authors to cite improper references published by him/herself (themselves), please send the peer reviewer's ID number to editorialoffice@wjgnet.com. The Editorial Office will close and remove the peer reviewer from the F6Publishing system immediately. 2 Language evaluation: Classification: Two Grades A. 3 Academic norms and rules: No academic misconduct was found in the Bing search. 4 Supplementary comments: This is an invited manuscript. No financial support was obtained for the study. The topic has not previously been published in the WJGO. 5 Issues raised: **(1) The "Author Contributions" section is missing.** Please provide the author contributions; and **(2) PMID and DOI numbers are missing in the reference list. Please provide the PubMed numbers and DOI citation numbers to the reference list and list all authors of the references.** Please revise throughout. 6 Recommendation: Conditional acceptance.

An Author Contributions section has been added to the first page of the manuscript. PMID and DOI numbers have been added to references. References have been updated to include the list of ALL authors, as opposed to "et al."

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sandy H. Fan

Handwritten signature of Sandy H. Fan in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'S' followed by 'H. Fan'.

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